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NOT EVEN SUPERMAN CAN STOP THE GIANT JIMMY!
JIMMY OLSEN THE D.N. ALIEN!
EXTRA! The NEWSBOY LEGION
PLUS
A GOLDEN-AGE SUPER-HERO REBORN!

DEEP IN A FEDERAL UNDERGROUND COMPLEX, KNOWN AS "THE PROJECT," THE NEWSBOY LEGION RESPONDS TO STRANGE AND FEARFUL SOUNDS OF VIOLENCE!
BEGIN--
THE SAGA OF THE
O.N.ALIENS
WOW!
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IT'S A BATTLE, BIG WORDS! A BATTLE BETWEEN A--A GIANT AND A LONG UNDERWEAR CHARACTER!
THE GUARDIAN! IT CAN ONLY BE THE GUARDIAN, GABBY! HE LOOKS AND FIGHTS JUST THE WAY OUR DADS DESCRIBED HIM!
KILL! DESTROY! I HAVE BEEN PROGRAMMED BY THE FORCES WHO CREATED ME, TO ELIMINATE WHATEVER LIES BEFORE ME! YOU MUST DIE!
ONLY IF YOU PREVAIL! BUT, YOU WON'T! NOT WHILE THERE IS STRENGTH IN MY BODY--AND AGILITY TO COMPENSATE FOR YOUR PONDEROUS SIZE!
TAKE IT FROM SCRAPPER! IT'S A "SCRAPPER'S SCRAP!"
BAAM!
THERE'S MORE TO IT THAN THAT! THE GIANT IS AN INVADER--AND HE'S COVERED WITH ENOUGH SYNTHETIC KRYPTONITE TO HAVE KNOCKED OUT SUPERMAN!
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IT'S TRUE! THE GUARDIAN IS BACK! BUT--
HE IS THE GUARDIAN OF A NEW AND FRIGHTENING AGE! HE IS A CHILD OF "THE PROJECT", A NEW AND FAR REACHING EXPERIMENT WHICH COULD CHANGE HUMANITY AS WE KNOW IT! FOR THE BIG PICTURE IS UNFOLDING, AND EACH SEGMENT OF IT REVEALS THE TERRIFYING PATTERN OF FORCES, THE LIKES OF WHICH HAVE NEVER BEEN SEEN ON EARTH! YES--AND THE BIRTH OF FORCES WHICH ARE YET TO PLAY THEIR PART IN THIS GREAT SAGA!
JIMMY OLSEN,
HIS PAL SUPERMAN
AND THE NEWSBOY LEGION ARE AT THE CENTER OF THE ACTION!
JIMMY! I JUST CALIGHT A GOOD VIEW OF THE GIANT'S FACE--HE LOOKS LIKE YOU!
BOP 'IM, GUARDIAN! DAZZLE 'IM WIT' FOOTWOIK! DAT GIANT'S GOT A WEAK SPOT SOMEWHERE!
WRITTEN & DRAWN by JACK KIRBY
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I KNOW, TOMMY! HE IS ME! HE WAS GROWN FROM CELL TISSUE TAKEN FROM ME!
KILL! KILL!
KLANGG
BUT, THAT CELL TISSUE WAS STOLEN FROM "THE PROJECT!" AND FROM IT, THE GIANT WAS GROWN!
WOK
VVOONKK
BUT WHO STOLE THE CELL TISSUE?
HOW DID THEY GET BY THE PROJECT'S TIGHT SECURITY?
JUST THEN--
POWWW
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YEEOOW! THE GIANT NAILED THE GUARDIAN WIT' A SNEAK PUNCH!
WE'RE HELPLESS! I'VE GOT TO REVIVE SUPERMAN!
DESTRUCTION! DEATH! I SHALL KILL EVERYTHING THAT MOVES--THEN WRECK THE PROJECT!
I COME FOR... YOU!
SUPERMAN! THERE'S ONLY SECONDS! YOU MUST STOP THE GIANT!
SUPERMAN REGAINS HIS SENSES--BUT TOO LATE!
WHA--? JIMMY! LOOK OUT!
THE GIANT'S GOT HIM!
IF I ATTACK THE GIANT-- JIMMY MAY GET HURT!
AS THE GIANT PULLS JIMMY TO HIM IN HIS FIERCE GRIP, HE SUDDENLY COMES FACE TO FACE WITH HIS OWN IMAGE!
YOU--YOU ARE EXACTLY LIKE MYSELF!
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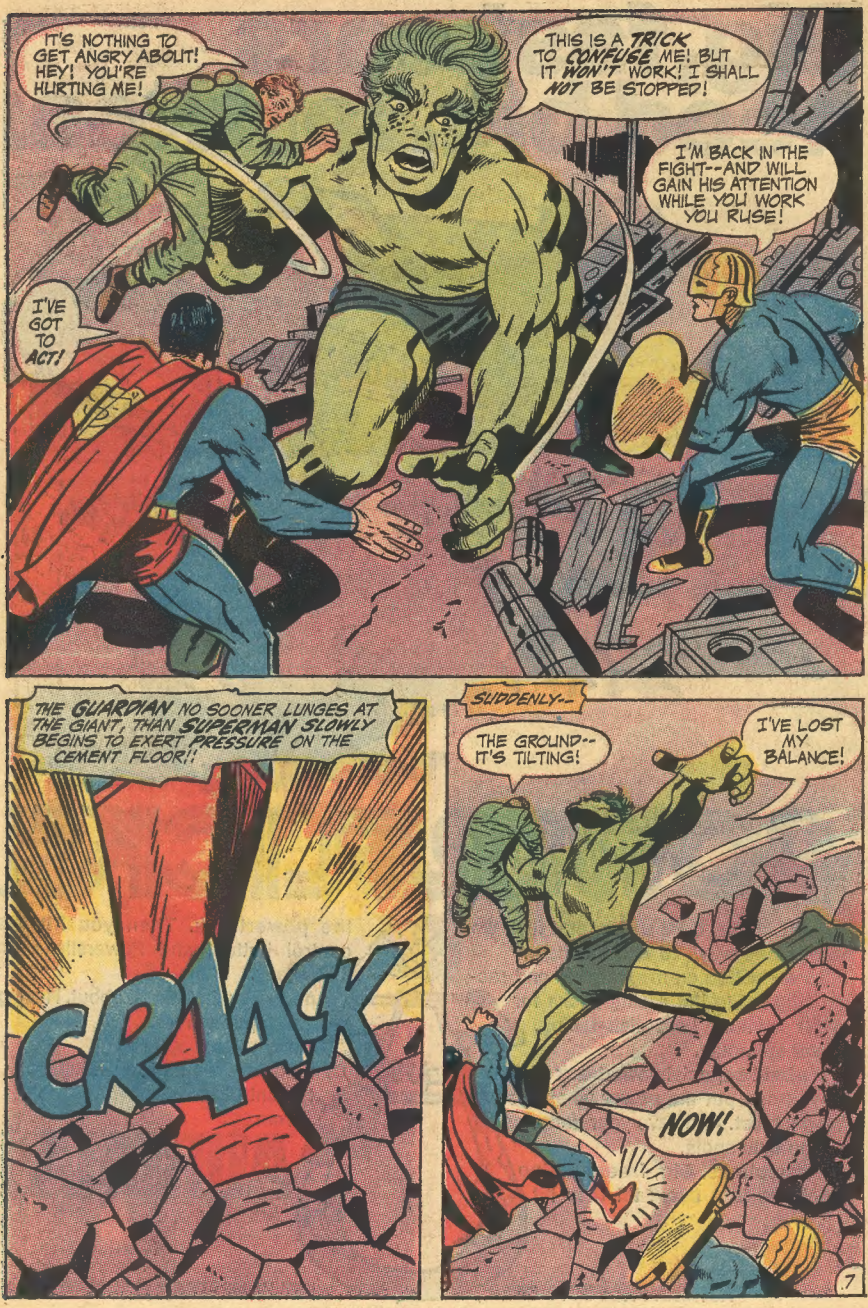
IT'S NOTHING TO GET ANGRY ABOUT! HEY! YOU'RE HURTING ME!
THIS IS A TRICK TO CONFUSE ME! BUT IT WON'T WORK! I SHALL NOT BE STOPPED!
I'M BACK IN THE FIGHT--AND WILL GAIN HIS ATTENTION WHILE YOU WORK YOU RUSE!
I'VE GOT TO ACT!
THE GUARDIAN NO SOONER LUNGES AT THE GIANT, THAN SUPERMAN SLOWLY BEGINS TO EXERT PRESSURE ON THE CEMENT FLOOR!!
CRACK
SUDDENLY--
THE GROUND--IT'S TILTING!
I'VE LOST MY BALANCE!
NOW!
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SUPERMAN LAUNCHES HIMSELF ALMOST AT LIGHTSPEED--AND SNATCHES JIMMY OLSEN FROM HIS CAPTOR!
GOT HIM!
ZZZWWSSHHHH
THE BOY IS SAFE! I CAN RESUME THE ATTACK!
THIS TIME, I'LL FINISH YOU OFF!
A FLASH! THE GIANT IS HIDDEN BY VAPORS!
AS THE VAPORS CLEAR, THE GIANT SEEMS TO WEAKEN--AND SLOWLY SINKS TO THE GROUND!
(GASP) I-I CANNOT RISE--I-I--(GASP)
THEN HE IS SILENT--HIS GREAT FORM LIES INERT... RELAXED IN SLEEP!!
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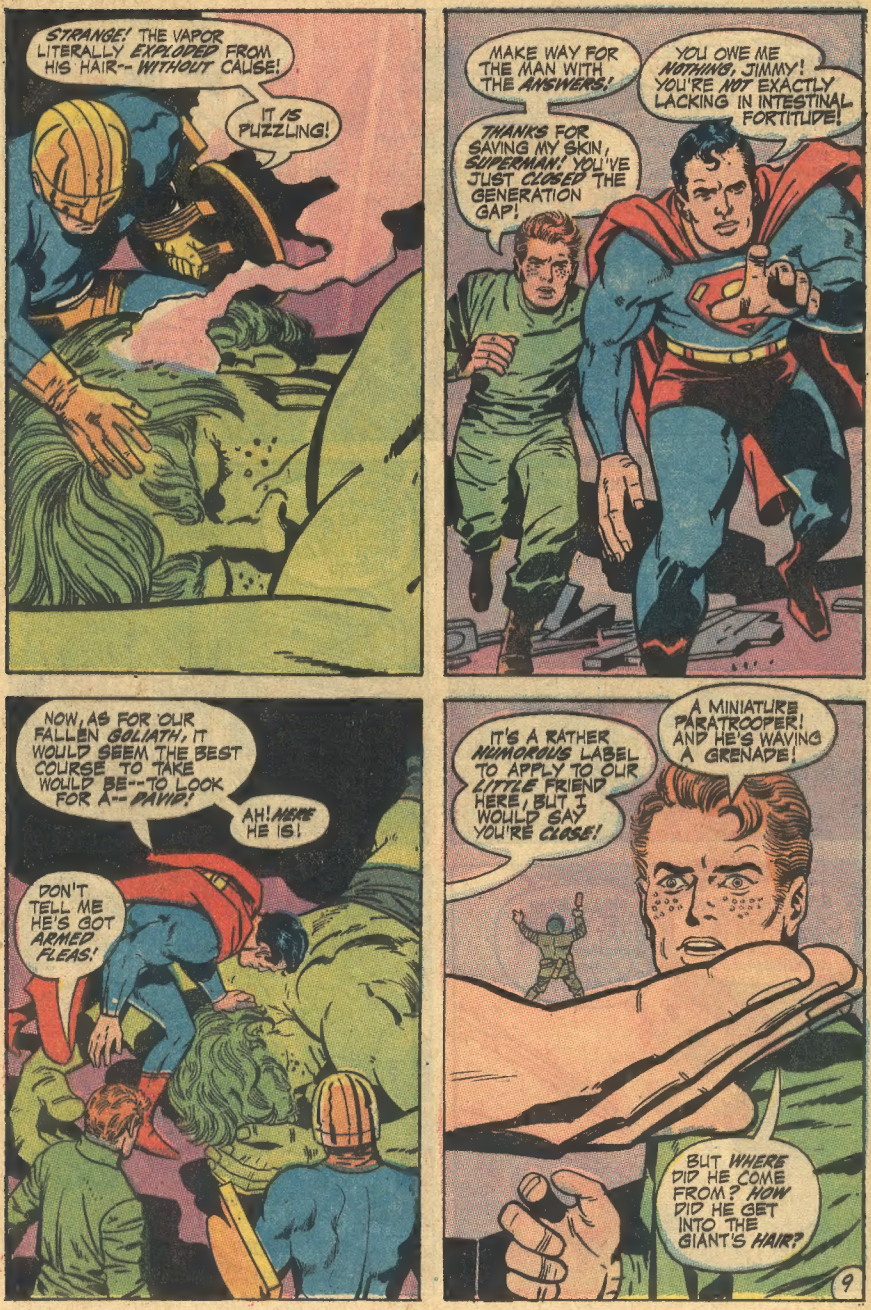
STRANGE! THE VAPOR LITERALLY EXPLODED FROM HIS HAIR-- WITHOUT CAUSE!
IT IS PUZZLING!
MAKE WAY FOR THE MAN WITH THE ANSWERS!
YOU OWE ME NOTHING, JIMMY! YOU'RE NOT EXACTLY LACKING IN INTESTINAL FORTITUDE!
THANKS FOR SAVING MY SKIN, SUPERMAN! YOU'VE JUST CLOSED THE GENERATION GAP!
NOW, AS FOR OUR FALLEN GOLIATH, IT WOULD SEEM THE BEST COURSE TO TAKE WOULD BE--TO LOOK FOR A-- DAVID!
AH! HERE HE IS!
DON'T TELL ME HE'S GOT ARMED FLEAS!
IT'S A RATHER HUMOROUS LABEL TO APPLY TO OUR LITTLE FRIEND HERE, BUT I WOULD SAY YOU'RE CLOSE!
A MINIATURE PARATROOPER! AND HE'S WAVING A GRENADE!
BUT WHERE DID HE COME FROM? HOW DID HE GET INTO THE GIANT'S HAIR?
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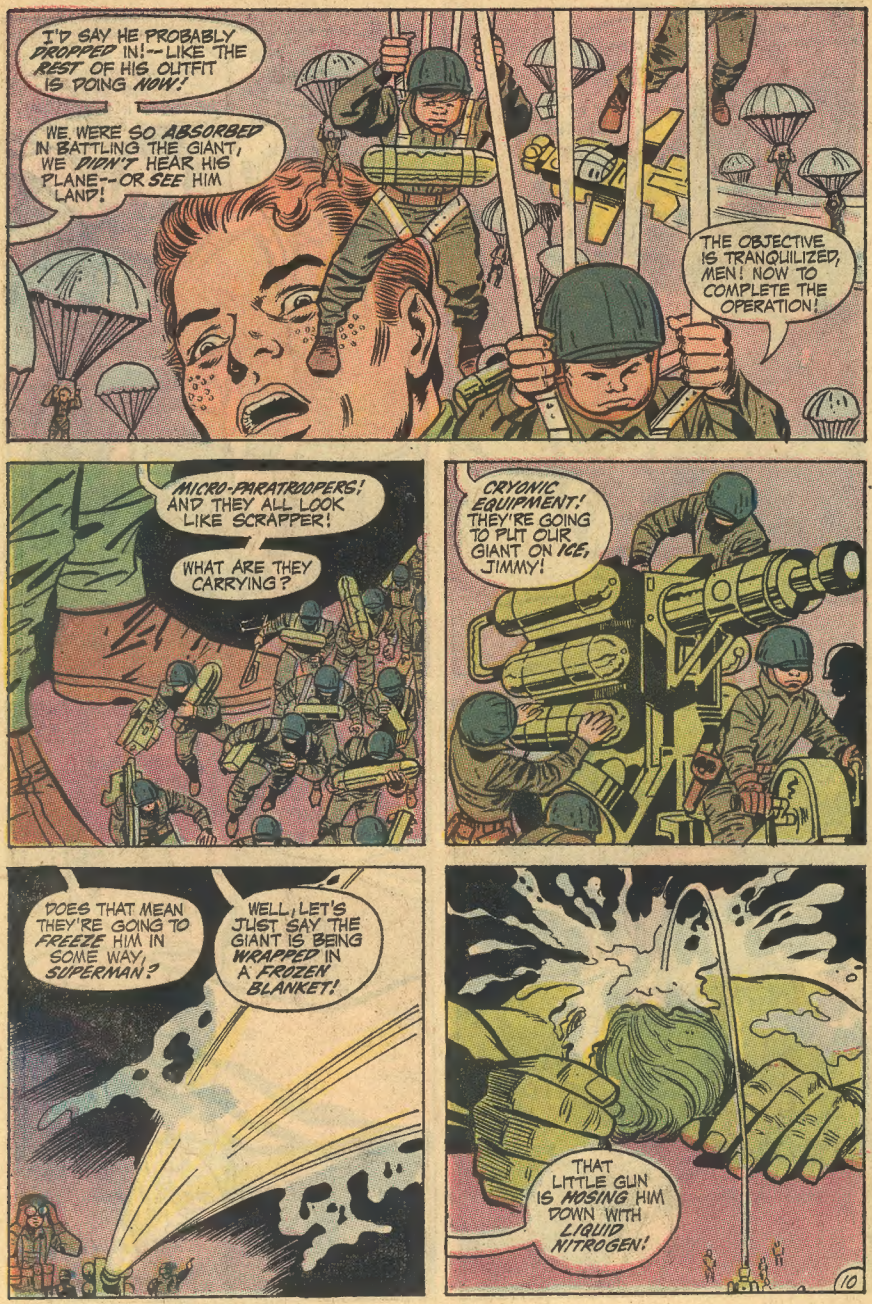
I'D SAY HE PROBABLY DROPPED IN!--LIKE THE REST OF HIS OUTFIT IS DOING NOW!
WE WERE SO ABSORBED IN BATTLING THE GIANT, WE DIDN'T HEAR HIS PLANE--OR SEE HIM LAND!
THE OBJECTIVE IS TRANQUILIZED, MEN! NOW TO COMPLETE THE OPERATION!
MICRO-PARATROOPERS! AND THEY ALL LOOK LIKE SCRAPPER!
WHAT ARE THEY CARRYING?
CRYONIC EQUIPMENT! THEY'RE GOING TO PUT OUR GIANT ON ICE, JIMMY!
DOES THAT MEAN THEY'RE GOING TO FREEZE HIM IN SOME WAY, SUPERMAN?
WELL, LET'S JUST SAY THE GIANT IS BEING WRAPPED IN A FROZEN BLANKET!
THAT LITTLE GUN IS HOSING HIM DOWN WITH LIQUID NITROGEN!
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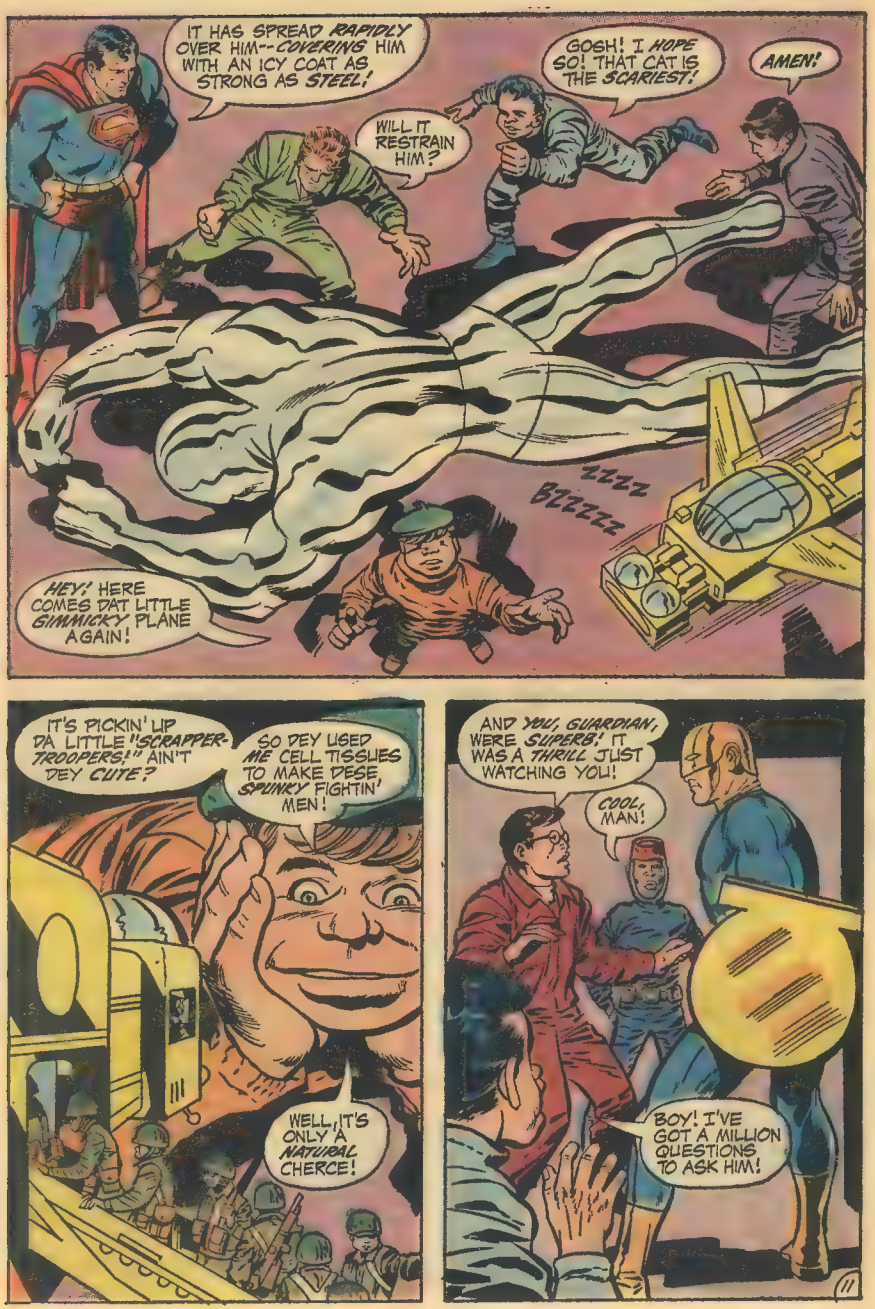
IT HAS SPREAD RAPIDLY OVER HIM--COVERING HIM WITH AN ICY COAT AS STRONG AS STEEL!
WILL IT RESTRAIN HIM?
GOSH! I HOPE SO! THAT CAT IS THE SCARIEST!
AMEN!
ZZZZ
BZZZZZ
HEY! HERE COMES DAT LITTLE GIMMICKY PLANE AGAIN!
IT'S PICKIN' UP DA LITTLE "SCRAPPER-TROOPERS!" AIN'T DEY CUTE?
SO DEY USED ME CELL TISSUES TO MAKE DESE SPUNKY FIGHTIN' MEN!
WELL, IT'S ONLY A NATURAL CHERCE!
AND YOU, GUARDIAN, WERE SUPERB! IT WAS A THRILL JUST WATCHING YOU!
COOL, MAN!
BOY! I'VE GOT A MILLION QUESTIONS TO ASK HIM!

MEANWHILE, AT A LOCATION UNKNOWN TO ANYONE AT "THE PROJECT," THOSE WHO SENT THE INVADER REPORT TO THEIR COMMANDER...
THE GIANT "JIMMY OLSEN" MODEL BROKE LOOSE, GREAT DARKSEID, AND--
SO, TO BE RID OF HIM, YOU SENT HIM THROUGH A MATTER TRANSMITTER! WHERE HE MATERIALIZED AT THE RIVAL PROJECT!
THE THING WOULD HAVE TORN DOWN WHAT WE BUILT HERE, SIRE! INSTEAD, WE--
YOU FUMBLED, SIMYAN! YOU SENT HIM THROUGH WITHOUT PLANNING--HOPING HE WOULD RUN AMOK AND DESTROY THEIR PROJECT!
WELL, HE FAILED, AS YOU, HIS MASTERS, DID! NOW, THIS TIME, THERE MUST BE COMPLETE, THOROUGH SUCCESS!
WE HEAR AND OBEY, GREAT DARKSEID!
THE INTERVIEW IS ENDED, MOKKARI! YOU REALIZE WHAT OUR MISSION IS? DO YOU THINK WE'RE READY?
IT IS WHAT WE CAME HERE TO DO! TO REPLACE THE EARTHMEN'S PROJECT--WITH OURS!
THE EARTHMEN EXPERIMENT FOR PROGESS. BUT WE WORK FOR DARKSEID, RULER OF APOKOLIPS!
OUR OFFSPRING SHALL BRING APOKOLIPS TO EARTH! CHAOS IN PLACE OF ORDER!
AND FROM THAT CHAOS WILL ARISE THE NEW MASTERS OF EARTH--WITH THE GREAT DARKSEID AS THEIR EXALTED LEADER!
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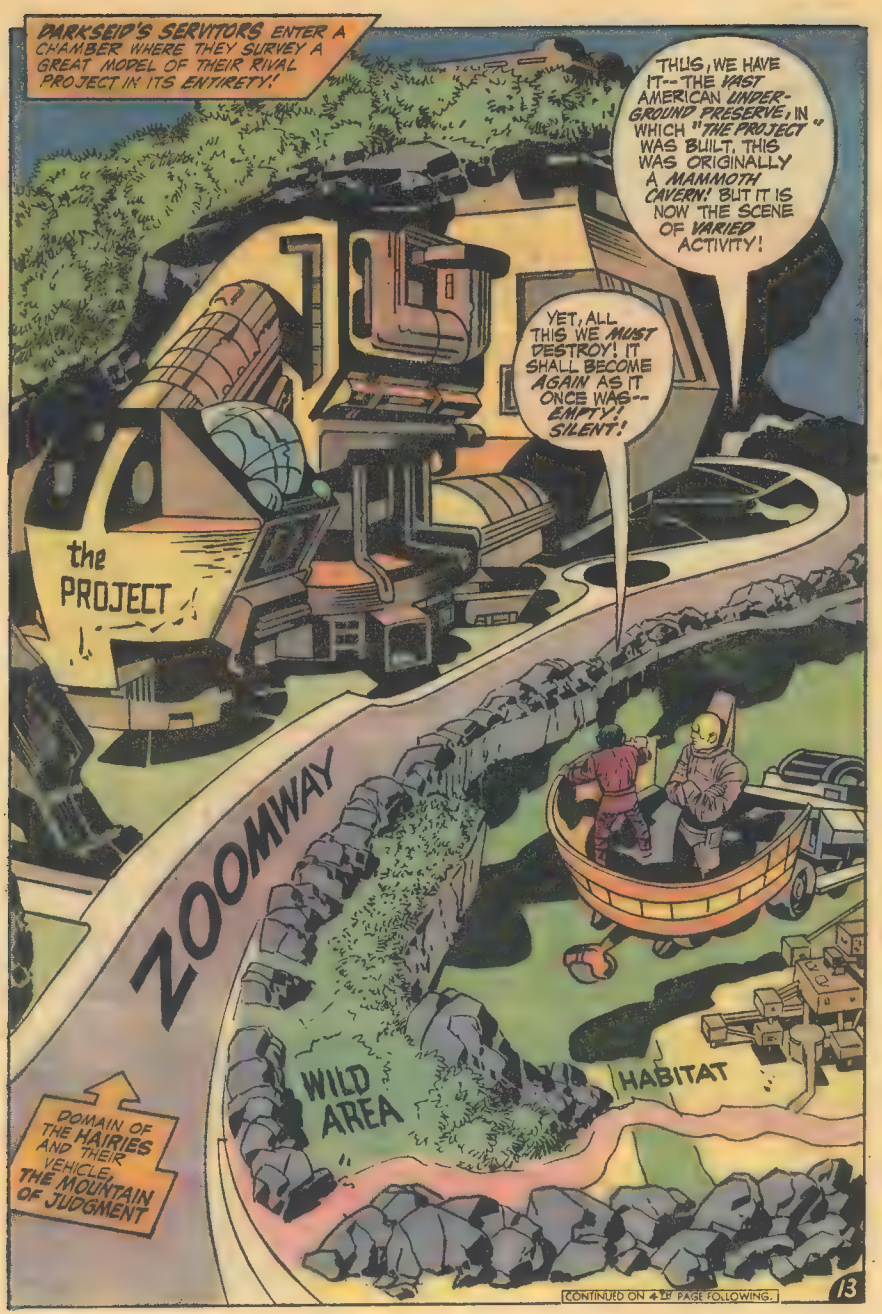
DARKSEID'S SERVITORS ENTER A CHAMBER WHERE THEY SURVEY A GREAT MODEL OF THEIR RIVAL PROJECT IN ITS ENTIRETY!
THUS, WE HAVE IT-- THE VAST AMERICAN UNDER-GROUND PRESERVE, IN WHICH "THE PROJECT" WAS BUILT. THIS WAS ORIGINALLY A MAMMOTH CAVERN! BUT IT IS NOW THE SCENE OF VARIED ACTIVITY!
YET, ALL THIS WE MUST DESTROY! IT SHALL BECOME AGAIN AS IT ONCE WAS-- EMPTY! SILENT!
the PROJECT
ZOOMWAY
WILD AREA
HABITAT
DOMAIN OF THE HAIRIES AND THEIR VEHICLE, THE MOUNTAIN OF JUDGMENT
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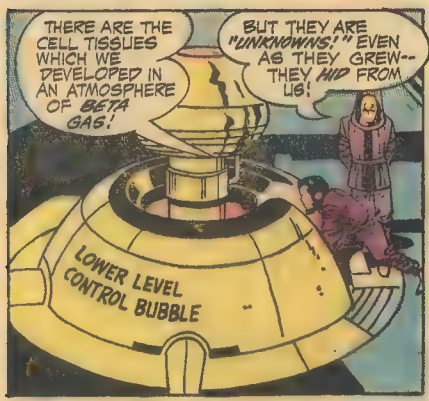
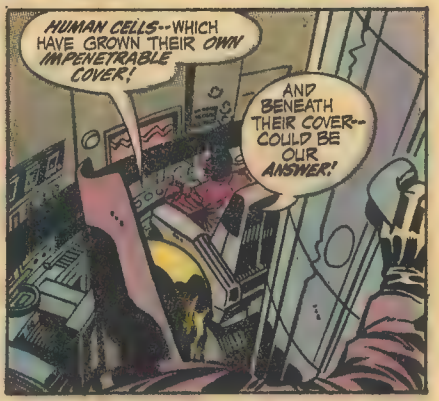
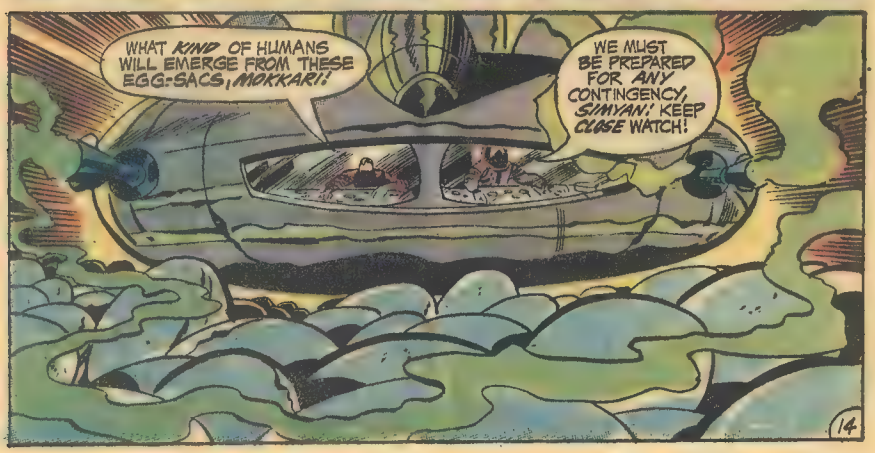
WE SHALL DO IT WITH THE PROPER CREATIONS OF THE LIFE WE HAVE BRED HERE!
BUT WHAT HAVE WE PRODUCED THAT COULD DO SO THOROUGH A JOB?

TRUE! EXCEPT FOR THE GIANT JIMMY OLSEN, WE HAVE GROWN NOTHING BUT MERE BEASTS OF BURDEN!
WAIT! YOU FORGET!

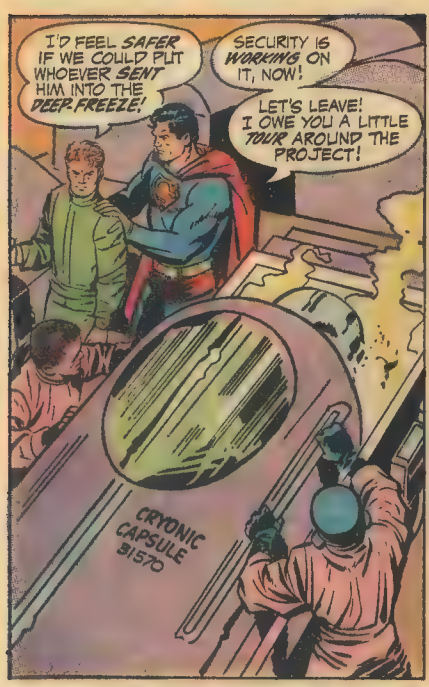

THERE ARE THE CELL TISSUES WHICH WE DEVELOPED IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF BETA GAS!
BUT THEY ARE "UNKNOWNS!" EVEN AS THEY GREW-- THEY HID FROM US!
LOWER LEVEL CONTROL BUBBLE


HUMAN CELLS--WHICH HAVE GROWN THEIR OWN IMPENETRABLE COVER!
AND BENEATH THEIR COVER-- COULD BE OUR ANSWER!


WHAT KIND OF HUMANS WILL EMERGE FROM THESE EGG-SACS, MOKKAR!
WE MUST BE PREPARED FOR ANY CONTINGENCY, SIMYAN! KEEP CLOSE WATCH!

MEANWHILE...
WOW! DA GUARDIAN! WHERE YA BEEN ALL DESE YEARS?
I'LL BET OUR DADS KNOW!
THERE WAS A POLICEMAN NAMED JIM HARPER KNOWN BY THE OLD NEWSBOY LEGION--DID YOU KNOW HIM?
KNOW HIM? I'LL BET HE IS JIM! C'MON, 'FESS UP!
I-I WOULD LIKE TO ANSWER ALL YOUR QUESTIONS--BUT I SOMEHOW FEEL SO--STRANGE--
SMALL WONDER! DAT GIANT HAD A FIST LIKE A SLAB O' CONCRETE!
YEAH! HE COULD KNOCK ME PUNCHY, TOO!
HERE COME OUR DADS! THEY'LL HELP YOU!
YOU MISSED THE BIG BATTLE, DAD!
WE WERE HELD BACK BY SECURITY, TOMMY!
THE "ALL CLEAR" HAS SOUNDED! HOW IS "MODEL ONE?"
"MODEL ONE?" DON'T TELL ME ALL THIS HEAH FUSS IS BEIN' MADE OVER A PHONY GUARDIAN!
HE'S EVERY BIT AS REAL AS THE ORIGINAL GUARDIAN!
AND, AFTER WATCHING HIM ON THE TELE-MONITOR, I'D SAY HE'S MAGNIFICENT!
DAD! WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO TELL US? WHAT HAPPENED TO THE ORIGINAL?
THE OTHER MEN WILL FILL YOU IN! I'M BUSY!

YA MAY AS WELL HAVE IT STRAIGHT, KIDS! THE ORIGINAL GUARDIAN IS DEAD! DURING THE YEARS WE GREW TO MANHOOD, WE LOST TRACK OF HIM!!
THE GUARDIAN VANISHED WHEN JIM HARPER WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE DETECTIVE DIVISION, IN ANOTHER PRECINCT!
NOT LONG AGO, WE WERE CALLED TO JIM HARPER'S BEDSIDE! HE'D BEEN FATALLY WOUNDED IN AN ACTION WITH FLEEING CRIMINALS!
(BLUB) (SNIFF) DON'T TELL US DA REST-- I'LL CRY--
WAIT! BEFORE HE DIED, JIM HARPER CONFESSED HE'D BEEN THE GUARDIAN-- DIDN'T HE?
OF COURSE! YOU WERE ALL PURSUING YOUR SEPARATE CAREERS!
YES! BUT WE JUST COULDN'T BEAR TO LOSE HIM! WHEN THE ORIGINAL JIM HARPER PASSED ON, HE LEFT BEHIND A STILL-LIVING CELL-TISSUE SAMPLE!
SO, "THE PROJECT" GREW A NEW GUARDIAN! I'M GLAD THAT FLIPPA-DIPPA AND I ARE PART OF THE KIND OF FRIENDSHIP YOU SHARE!
AND MIGHTY PROUD TOO!
AND IN ANOTHER SECTION OF "THE PROJECT"--
THERE GOES OUR GIANT--INTO A CRYONIC CAPSULE!
HE WON'T RUN WILD IN THERE! THAT'S FOR SURE!


I'D FEEL SAFER IF WE COULD PLIT WHOEVER SENT HIM INTO THE DEEP FREEZE!
SECURITY IS WORKING ON IT, NOW!
LET'S LEAVE! I OWE YOU A LITTLE TOUR AROUND THE PROJECT!
CRYONIC CAPSULE 91570

IT CERTAINLY IS BIG! THE CORRIDORS SEEM ENDLESS, SUPERMAN! AND SO DO THE PERSONNEL!
THEY BELONG HERE, JIMMY! THE PROJECT GROWS ITS OWN!

YEAH! IT'S NEVER ENDING SURPRISES! THOSE TECHNICIANS LOOK LIKE GABBY!
COULD YOU THINK OF MORE PERFECT CANDIDATES FOR THE COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION?
YESSIR! I'LL CONNECT YOU WITH ROOM TWO!

I CAN'T GET OVER IT! YOU KNEW ABOUT "THE PROJECT" ALL THIS TIME!
FROM ITS VERY INCEPTION! MY CELL TISSUES WERE THE FIRST GROWN WHEN THE GENETIC CODE WAS BROKEN AND DECIPHERED!

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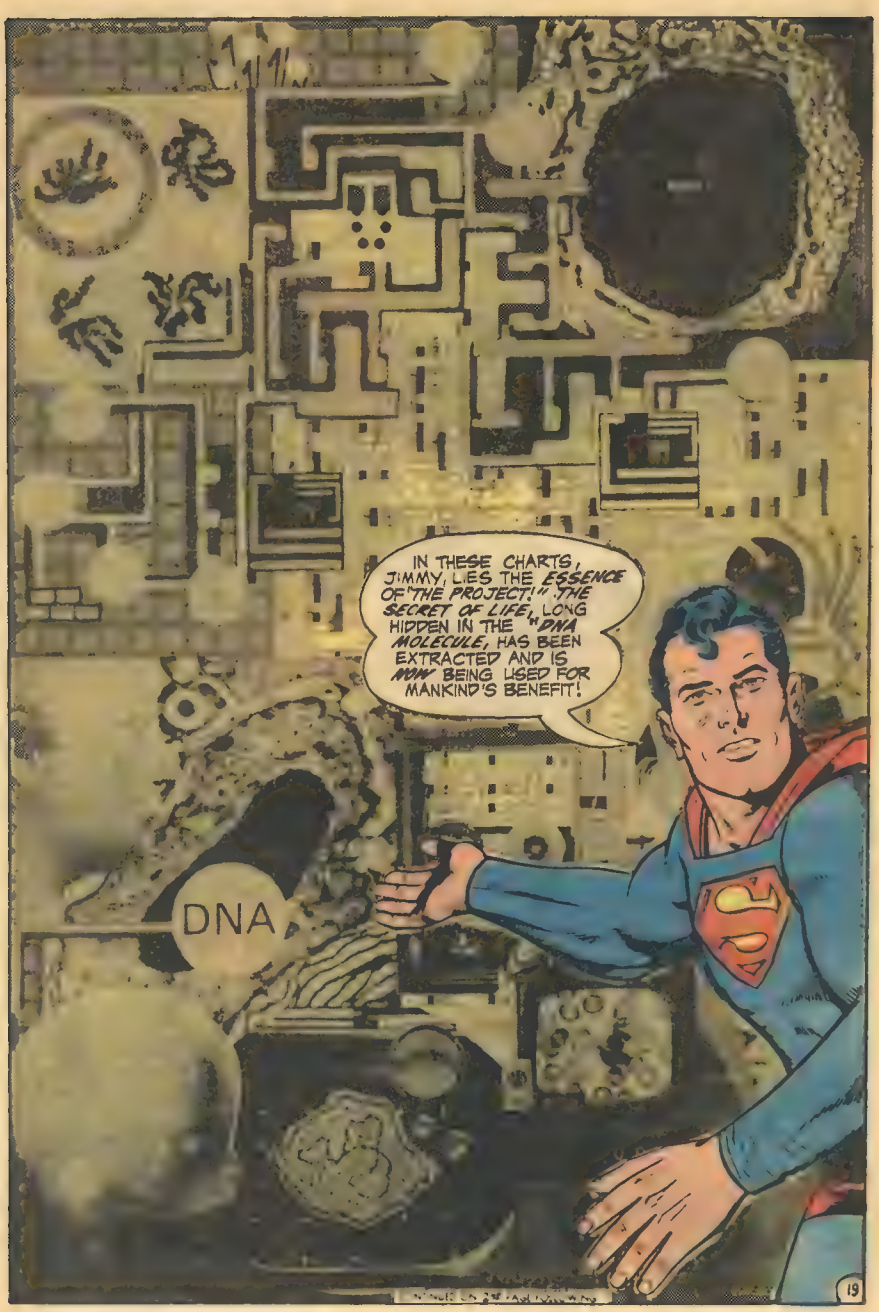
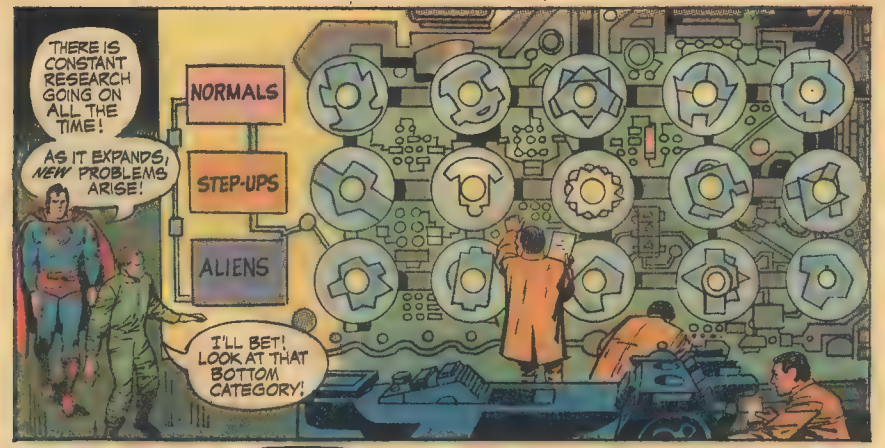
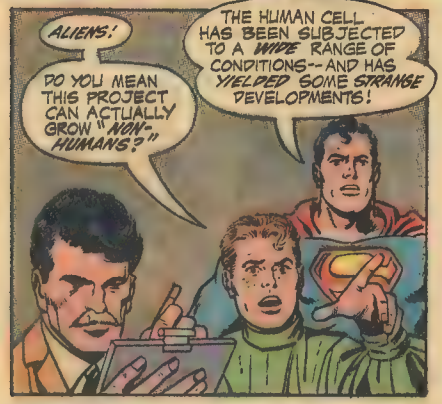
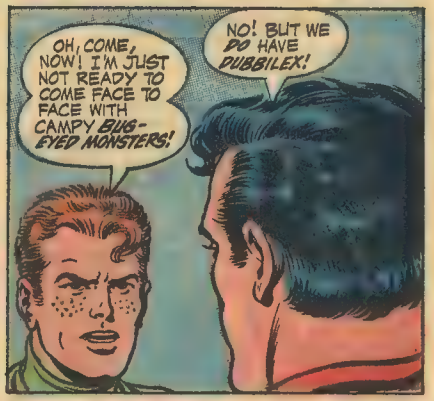
BUT THAT'S ANOTHER STORY! "THE PROJECT" IS THE BIG ONE! HERE LIFE IS GROWN IN SPECIAL TANKS! LIFE PLANNED FOR SPECIFIC TASKS!
THIS IS WHERE THE PROJECT ACQUIRES ITS PERSONNEL!
HERE IS ONE OF THE NURSERIES, JIMMY, WHERE THE YOUNG NORMALS ARE CAREFULLY RAISED AND TUTORED.
DID YOU SAY "NORMALS," SUPERMAN? DO YOU MEAN...?
WELL, THE HUMAN CELL IS STILL A PLIABLE MYSTERY! EXPERIMENTS HAVE PRODUCED THE "STEP-UPS!"
HI, SUPERMAN! DON'T FORGET OUR FRIDAY NIGHT "SING IN"! BRING YOUR FRIEND!
THANKS! WE'LL BE THERE!
SAY! THESE KIDS LOOK LIKE THE "HAIRIES" WHO LIVE IN THAT MOUNTAIN-SIZED VAN THAT RUNS ON THE ZOOMWAY!
THE "HAIRIES" CAME FROM THIS GROUP! THESE ARE OUR "STEP-UPS!"
THEY HAVE EVOLVED HAIR-TRIGGER MINDS! AND THEY CAN COME UP WITH MECHANICAL WONDERS LIKE THE MOUNTAIN OF JUDGMENT!
WOW! AND IT ALL BEGAN WITH READING A LITTLE DNA MOLECULE!
YES, THERE ARE ROOMS OF CHARTS EXPLAINING IT ALL!


IN THESE CHARTS, JIMMY, LIES THE ESSENCE OF THE PROJECT! THE SECRET OF LIFE, LONG HIDDEN IN THE "DNA MOLECULE," HAS BEEN EXTRACTED AND IS NOW BEING USED FOR MANKIND'S BENEFIT!
DNA


THERE IS CONSTANT RESEARCH GOING ON ALL THE TIME!
AS IT EXPANDS, NEW PROBLEMS ARISE!
NORMALS
STEP-UPS
ALIENS
I'LL BET! LOOK AT THAT BOTTOM CATEGORY!


ALIENS!
DO YOU MEAN THIS PROJECT CAN ACTUALLY GROW "NON-HUMANS?"
THE HUMAN CELL HAS BEEN SUBJECTED TO A WIDE RANGE OF CONDITIONS--AND HAS YIELDED SOME STRANGE DEVELOPMENTS!


OH, COME, NOW! I'M JUST NOT READY TO COME FACE TO FACE WITH CAMPY BUG-EYED MONSTERS!
NO! BUT WE DO HAVE DUBBILEX!

DUBBILEX! I'D LIKE TO MEET ANY GUY WITH A NAME LIKE THAT!
YOU SHALL!
WHAT'S NEW, DUBBILEX?

HELLO, SUPERMAN! YOU BRING ANOTHER CURIOSITY SEEKER, I SEE!
GREAT DAY IN THE MORNIN'!

ER--PARDON MY OUTBURST! I DON'T MEAN TO OFFEND, BUT YOU SURE LIVE UP TO YOUR NOTICES!
DUBBILEX IS RESIGNED TO BEING THE PROJECT'S "CONVERSATION PIECE!" HE'S SEEN BY EVERY VISITING V.I.P.!
THERE WAS ONE SENATOR WHO CALLED ME THE "MAN FROM MARS!"
BUT, DESPITE MY ORIGIN, I'M AS NATIVE TO EARTH AS YOU ARE, YOUNG FELLOW!
HE'S NAMED DUBBILEX BECAUSE HIS POWERS ARE STILL UNKNOWN! HOWEVER, HE'S A GREAT RESEARCHER!
MY NAME'S JIMMY OLSEN! AND IT'S A GREAT PRIVILEGE TO MEET YOU!
THANK YOU! I CONSIDER ANY FRIEND OF SUPERMAN AS ONE OF MINE!
WELL, CAN YOU BEAT THAT?--A RESIDENT ALIEN! ARE THERE ANYMORE OF HIS KIND HERE?
NONE OF DUBBILEX'S SPECIES, BUT, OTHER TYPES HAVE BEEN GROWN!
SUPERMAN! DO YOU REALIZE WHAT WEIRD, AND PERHAPS DANGEROUS, CHANNELS ARE BEING PROBED HERE?
I'M THINKING OF OUR HIDDEN ENEMY! WHAT CAN HE BE DOING WITH THE STOLEN HUMAN CELLS!

SUPERMAN HAS GOOD CAUSE TO WORRY, FOR AT THAT VERY MOMENT...
THERE IS INCREASED ACTIVITY BENEATH THE COVER OF OUR ALIEN CELLS, SIMYAN!
VAPOR STIMULATION IS DOING ITS WORK, MOKKARI! I BELIEVE THEY'VE REACHED THE HATCHING STAGE!
THERE! THE SHELL BEGINS TO CRACK!
TRIUMPH! A HAND EMERGES!
KARRKKAK
THE OTHER! NOW WE SHALL SEE WHAT HAS BEEN KEPT FROM OUR SCRUTINY!--
THEN--
WAIT! FOUR ARMS! OUR ALIEN BEAST HAS FOUR ARMS!
NEED WE SAY MORE? WATCH FOR THE SEQUEL TO THIS EXCITING NEW DEVELOPMENT! WATCH FOR THE
FOUR-ARMED TERROR!!
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JIMMY OLSEN'S *Pen Pals* N-202

Dear Editor:

I like it.

JIMMY OLSEN #133, that is.

Mind you, this is the *first* issue of this comic I have ever purchased, at least since I acquired any taste in comics. I religiously avoided Superman and all his little friends and I became a loyal Marvelite (sorry if I offended your ears). Today, however, I am giving you at DC more and more of my attention and my money.

At Marvel, I have followed Jack Kirby's work for years, but, towards the end of his time there, I felt his interpretations of their characters were getting stale with age. Frankly, I was bored. Now that he's switched to DC, and has an entire new world of heroes to explore, I'll be back on his trail. His JIMMY OLSEN was different from any I'd read (borrowed from ex-friends) and not what I'd expected. You can be sure I'll buy the next issue and the one after that, until doomsday, as long as they retain the quality displayed in 133.

John Ostapkovich, Huntingdon Valley, Pa.

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Dear Editor:

To paraphrase Clark Kent's comment in "Jimmy Olsen Brings Back the Newsboy Legion," "It was a sad day when Murray Boltinoff took over JIMMY OLSEN!" I'm kidding, of course, but I don't see why lately almost ever DC magazine is making radical changes in its characters. Why is everyone suddenly on a "new" kick?

Well, back to JIMMY OLSEN. I'm sorry, but I just don't like this—uh, *different* look Jim has now. Kirby's artwork is very good, but the story about the Newsboy Legion was one of the worst things I've ever read! The "Wild Area" bit was terrible, and Jimmy's new attitude—especially toward Supie—is lousy. Give me the old Olsen, square as he was, any day!

And as for the Newsboy Legion—they're okay, I guess, but they still seem like holdovers from the '40's. That Whiz Wagon strains the credulity just a little *too* much, and brings back bad memories of Wonder Woman's old Robot Plane.

Concerning the Planet's new owner, Morgan Edge, I'm glad he's a crook, 'cause that means he (hopefully) won't be around for long.

To sum up, I admire Kirby's fine artwork, but for the mess he's made of JO, I'm tempted to sentence him to the Phantom Zone. Gregory Kent, Goleta, Calif.

(If our mail is any indication, Greg, you're in the minority—by a big margin. So great has been the response to Jarring Jack's Jimmy that he's now taken over as editor of the mag!—E.N.B.)

Dear Editor:

Kirby's return to DC and the resurrection of the Newsboy Legion have ended a most eventful summer in comics history that has left me penniless, but very, very happy.

Before I could adjust to his artwork on page 1, then on pages 2 and 3 he's already making with the fantastic machinery. Whew! Jack's work in JO has brought that mag up on my charts from near last to first place. I've never seen a more mature Olsen, or Superman as a minor but important character, as in this issue.

And if anyone asks why the car on page 6 didn't get smashed up when it struck Clark, the answer is simple. In his Clark guise, Superman's powers lie dormant, ready whenever he needs them. But Clark was preoccupied and did not utilize his super-strength and invulnerability together, which would have made his body stationary and thereby have wrecked the car. But the latter power allowed him to be thrown down without injuring either the car or the driver.

Dennis Millard, Southington, Conn.

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Dear Editor:

The latest issue of JIMMY OLSEN still surprised me, despite all the predictions and promises made. If it is a sign of things to come, count me in. As I read the tale, I wondered why Superman was never as well presented as in this issue. That Clark Kent was hit by a speeding car and survived, and yet didn't make up some idiotic excuse for surviving, is alone a miracle. This Mr. Edge is an interesting fellow. His purchase of the Planet is a great development, and quite assuring to this reader that the mag is in good hands.

Charles Meyerson, Orland Park, Ill.

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Dear Editor:

I can't believe it! Over ten long years ago, I swore that I'd never touch another JIMMY OLSEN magazine as long as I lived! Well, it looks like I'm going to have to eat those words. I broke down and bought a copy of THE NEW JIMMY OLSEN! This isn't the Jimmy I once knew, not by a long shot!

The new Newsboy Legion added a refreshing touch to the new JO. Who could've expressed the flavor of bygone days better than their originator? I must admit that for a while I thought Jack's work was getting stale at Marvel, and I was afraid it would be the same at DC. But once again I found myself eating my words! Besides producing an excellent art job (along with the capable inks of Vince Colletta), Jack came through with a champion yarn!

I can't wait to plow into the next issue, but one thing bugs me! Why in the heck did Al Plastino re-draw the Man of Steel? Wasn't Jack good enough?

Rudy Rankins, Houston, Tex.

(He just wasn't familiar enough with the character, and his faces often didn't look like Superman. When they did—as in the Clark Kent faces on pages 5 and 6—they were left untouched.—E.N.B.)

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